

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BUILDINGS FOR INDIAN EMBASSIES HIGH COMMISSIONS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to build own buildings to house the offices of Indian Embassies and High Commissions in such countries where the offices are at present rented;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of places where lands were purchased by the Government for these construction purposes; and

(c) the total amount allocated for such construction purposes in each of the last five years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) Land was purchased by the Government in Abuja (Nigeria), Dhaka (Bangla Desh) and Warsaw (Poland) for construction of Chanceries. In the case of Abuja and Dhaka, architects have been short listed for the construction projects, and in the case of Warsaw, contract with the selected architect is being signed.

(c) The following budget grant allocations under the Capital Outlay were made during the last five years:-

i)	1998-1999	Rs. 100 crores
ii)	1999-2000	Rs. 100 crores
iii)	2000-2001	Rs. 100 crores
iv)	2001-2002	Rs. 94.20 crores
v)	2002-2003	Rs. 103.79 crores